

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending. Claims 1, 6, 11, 15, 19 and 23 are independent.
Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Initially, it is requested that the Examiner initial the PTO SB/08 forms that accompanied the Information Disclosure Statements dated October 7, 2004 and April 7, 2004. Duplicate copies of those forms are submitted herewith for the convenience of the Examiner.

Claims 1-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. US 2004/0018841 A1 (Trossen). Applicants traverse.

Independent claim 1 is directed to a communication system for enabling a mobile node residing in a first communication network to communicate via a gateway with a communication distant node, including connection information control means for exchanging the connection information before handover and the connection information after handover between the mobile node and the gateway, when the mobile node is moved to a second communication network.

In the invention defined by claim 1, connection information before the handover and connection information after the handover, are exchanged between the mobile node and the gateway. This is shown, for example, in Figure 1 and the associated portions of the specification, in which the handover of the mobile node 100 between link 300 and link 301 is associated with a notification of connection information changed by the handover to the connection management module 201 of the gateway.

On the other hand, in Trossen, the mobile node generates a triggering message for initiating a transfer of application context from the current access router to a potential next access router (see, e.g., paragraph [0043]), not from the mobile node to a gateway, as in the present invention. This is quite different from the protocol shown in Figure 1 of the present application, and as recited in claim 1 discussed above.

For at least the reasons discussed above, independent claim 1 is believed clearly patentable over Trossen.

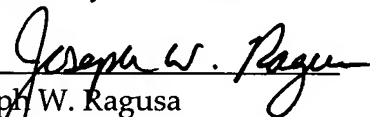
The other independent claims recite a substantially similar feature and are believed to distinguish over Trossen for at least the same reasons.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from one or another of the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the above remarks, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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